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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.80

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Summary

By draft resolution A/55/L.80, the General Assembly, having considered the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 2000/34 of 28 July 2000, would endorse the recommendation of the Council that Senegal should be added to the list of the least developed countries.

Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, an additional appropriation in the amount of $29,600 would be required under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986, for the travel of up to five representatives of Senegal to attend the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly and the travel of one representative or alternate representative of Senegal to attend the special session of the General Assembly in 2001.

The requirements for 2002-2003, estimated at $27,400, for the travel of up to five representatives to attend the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth regular sessions of the General Assembly would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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I. Draft resolution A/55/L.80

Statement of programme budget implications

1. By operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/55/L.80, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council that Senegal should be added to the list of the least developed countries.

II. Activities by which the request would be implemented

2. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/L.80, under the terms of its resolutions 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986, travel but not subsistence shall be paid by the Organization for up to five representatives of Member States that are least developed when attending a regular session of the General Assembly, and one representative or alternate representative while attending a special or emergency session of the Assembly.

III. Estimated additional requirements

3. It is estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/L.80, the total requirements for the biennium 2000-2001 would amount to $29,600 for the travel of up to five representatives of Senegal to attend the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly and the travel of one representative or alternate representative to attend the special sessions of the Assembly in 2001, namely, the special session to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children, pursuant to Assembly resolution 51/186 of 16 December 1996, the special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, pursuant to Assembly resolution 53/180 of 15 December 1998, and the special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, pursuant to Assembly resolution 55/242 of 22 February 2001.

4. The requirements for the 2002-2003 biennium are estimated at $27,400 for travel to attend the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth regular sessions of the General Assembly.

IV. Contingency fund

5. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium.

V. Action required from the General Assembly

6. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/55/L.80, an additional appropriation in the amount of $29,600 would be required under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 as a charge against the contingency fund. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986, travel would be provided for up to five representatives of Senegal to attend the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, and the travel of one representative or alternate representative of Senegal would also be provided to attend the special session of the General Assembly in 2001.

7. The requirements for 2002-2003, estimated at $27,400, for the travel of up to five representatives to attend the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly should be included in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.